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**CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**



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City of Portsmouth, N.H.





## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

To: The Honorable City Council  
and the Citizens of the City  
of Portsmouth, New Hampshire

It is my pleasure to offer to you the 1976-77 Annual Report of the City of Portsmouth. I trust that you will find it to be a concise but comprehensive review of the City's activities during this period. I hope that it will provide you with a better understanding of the workings of your local public government.

I believe that the past year was an active and rewarding one for the City. It marked the end of our Bicentennial celebration and the beginning of the Market Square project. It witnessed the establishment of the Historic District and the completion of the construction of Portsmouth's new Industrial Park.

Portsmouth's future belongs to those who actively participate in the many decisions that must be made, and I would encourage you to become actively involved in the affairs of your City.

Respectfully,



Calvin A. Canney  
City Manager



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# CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

## JULY, 1976

Defeated motion to increase bicycle licenses to \$1.00.

Voted that up to \$3,500 be appropriated from the Contingency Fund for the lighting of the North Church Steeple.

Voted that the Court Study Committee proceed with a study of the cost of renovating the Whipple School for a new City Hall and the old City Hall for a District Court, with \$20,000 to be earmarked for this study.

Voted to pass final reading of Site Review Ordinance.

Request the Chair to extend an official invitation to the tall ships that would visit Portsmouth July 24.

## AUGUST, 1976

Voted to approve Phase II of McDonough Street Public Improvements.

Voted to inform the Senior Citizens of the Photo ID System available to them.

Voted to set a public hearing for September 13 on the site of the Multi-Purpose Center.

Voted to put Woodbury Avenue sidewalk on westerly side and increase estimated anticipated cost.

## SEPTEMBER, 1976

Voted to transfer the balance in the 1966 Public Improvement Bond Proceeds Account to the Haven School Neighborhood Park Project (\$2,865.11).

Instructed the City Attorney to draw an Ordinance limiting the number of taxicabs to 20.

Authorized City Manager to spend up to \$25,000 from the Economic Commission Land Acquisition Fund for engineering and architectural study relative to downtown parking and to submit an application to the E.D.A. under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976.

## OCTOBER, 1976

Passed Ordinance regarding Head-in Parking on Pleasant Street.

Awarded design for the Lafayette Road Sidewalk to Wright, Pierce, Barnes, and Wyman.

Voted to have the Traffic Safety Commission investigate the possibility of purchasing land in Greenleaf Avenue and Lafayette Road area to improve the intersection there.

#### **NOVEMBER, 1976**

Asked that the City Manger proceed with Lafayette Road sidewalk in the spring, as soon as possible.

Voted that Public Works Superintendent request owner of the Holiday Inn to conform to Site Review Plan and install curbing along Woodbury Avenue.

Voted \$1,000 from Capital Planning Fund for completion of an Historic District Visual Guideline Booklet.

Passed first reoding of the Historic District Ordinance and public hearing to be set up.

#### **DECEMBER, 1976**

Voted to accept Colonial Pines Road and Cate Street land.

Voted to have the Mayor write letters to the banks thanking them for their cooperation relative to the parking situation during the holiday season.

Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a settlement with the State regarding land for State of N.H. at Kearsorge Way, subject to a price being agreed upon and bring the final agreement back for Council approval.

#### **JANUARY, 1977**

Voted to adopt revision of the existing eligibility guidelines for the Loan and Grant Program regarding Proposed Modifications of Guidelines to McDonough Street Housing Programs.

Voted to hold a public hearing on January 17 on the Third Year Community Development Program.

Voted against New Franklin site for a Multi-Purpose building

Voted to have a public hearing on January 17 on Resolution regarding construction or rehabilitation of swimming pool.

Voted to have a public hearing on January 17 on Resolution regarding acquisition of land on Sagamore Avenue and Wentworth Road for open space to the Planning Board for report back.

#### **FEBRUARY, 1977**

Authorized the City Manager to sign Landfill contract for two years with the Cookley heirs.

Voted to have a work session with the special committee of the Planning Board to discuss the Capital Budget.

Voted that the City Manager look into alternative methods for swimming this summer, maybe Great Island Common in New Castle, Pease, and Camp Gundalow, just on a temporary basis.

Voted to purchase the Wentworth Grove land with matching Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds and that area be designated part of the City's open space preserves.

Passed Mobile Home Space Requirement Ordinance

#### **MARCH, 1977**

Passed Ordinance making Chestnut Street, both sides from Congress to Porter, a tow zone.

#### **APRIL, 1977**

Held a public hearing on proposed Market Square Improvements and voted to approve final design.

Voted to request City Manager to include \$125,000 to be set aside for construction of Kearsarge Way Bridge to be placed in the 1977-1978 budget.

Voted that the City Manager discuss proposal with Mr. Earl Flanders regarding of Parcel 7 in the Urban Renewal area.

Voted to put on the ballot for the 1977 Municipal election the question "Shall we adopt the provision of RSA 72:62 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with a solar energy heating or cooling system which shall be in an amount of 100%?"

Voted not to pass the first reading of the Resolution appropriating \$60,000 to demolish the Farragut School.

Voted to adopt Seacrest Village Improvements.

Voted to adopt the concept of a Market Square Day as funded by the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities.

Voted to forward to the Constitutional Revision Committee in Concord petitions presented by concerned parents in favor of prohibiting the display and sale of pornographic material.

Voted to pass Ordinance allowing the City Marshall to tow at his discretion.

Voted to pass third and final reading of BOCA Plumbing Code, as amended.

Asked that the City Engineer keep close inspection on the High Hanover Parking Lot and notify the Council if he feels the structure has to be closed completely.



#### **MAY, 1977**

Passed the Historic District Ordinance, as amended.

Voted to authorize the City Manager to sign the National Park Contract to get funding toward the library renovation costs.

Voted that the Mayor appoint a Council person to serve on the Chamber of Commerce feasibility study committee of the possibility of a morino on Port Authority land.

Voted to accept the Planning Board recommendation and deny the request of the Portsmouth Plaza for land swap with the City in the Vicinity of the City Yard.

Voted not to sell the USO Building.

Voted that all Industrial Park money returned be put into a Capital Reserve Fund to be earmarked for economic development.

#### **JUNE, 1977**

Voted to adopt Lafayette Road Sidewalk proposal.

Failed to pass first reading of Ordinance prohibiting parking on both sides of Greenland Road from Borthwick Park to I-95.

Voted to approve the appointments of the Mayor relative to the Historic District Commission.

Adopted the Capital Budget for 1978-1983.

Voted to approve McDonough Street Improvements, Phase III

Voted to pass Sewer User Ordinance.

A thank you letter from Richard Briggs, Co-Producer of "The Defection of Simas Kudirko" was voted accepted and placed on file.

Voted against passage of the second reading of the Conservation District Ordinance.

# CITY CLERK

## ELECTIONS HELD

### PRIMARY ELECTION

SEPT 14 1976

NAMES ON CHECKLIST	11,651
BALLOTS CAST	2,752
ABSENTEE BALLOTS	246

### PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 2, 1976

NAMES ON CHECKLIST	12,902
BALLOTS CAST	7,686
ABSENTEE BALLOTS	1,145

WARD I	NAMES ON CHECKLIST	2,262
	BALLOTS CAST	1,370
	ABSENTEE BALLOTS	240

WARD II	NAMES ON CHECKLIST	2,568
	BALLOTS CAST	1,560
	ABSENTEE BALLOTS	222

WARD III	NAMES ON CHECKLIST	1,613
	BALLOTS CAST	990
	ABSENTEE BALLOTS	158

WARD IV	NAMES ON CHECKLIST	2,790
	BALLOTS CAST	1,736
	ABSENTEE BALLOTS	208

WARD V	NAMES ON CHECKLIST	2,241
	BALLOTS CAST	1,213
	ABSENTEE BALLOTS	252

WARD VI	NAMES ON CHECKLIST	1,438
	BALLOTS CAST	817
	ABSENTEE BALLOTS	65

## ELECTED NOVEMBER 2, 1976 AS WARD OFFICIALS

WARD I	MODERATOR	LEO H. LANGELIER
	WARD CLERK	ROBERT C. SMITH
	WARD SELECTMEN	HILDA HUNDLEY, MARY M. KEENAN, FRANCES D. KAZURA
	REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	HELEN MOORE

WARD II	MODERATOR	SHIRLEY HODGDON
	WARD CLERK	CECELIA T. KELLIHER
	WARD SELECTMEN	JOHN E. SPLAINE, RUTH KOTSONIS, MURIEL BILODEAU
	REGISTRARS OF VOTERS	SOPHIE PARAS

WARD III	MODERATOR	JOHN W. HYNES
	WARD CLERK	ALBERTA Z. CLAY
	WARD SELECTMEN	MARY E. COTTON, JOSEPH A. MCEACHERN, JOSEPH MACDONALD
	REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	ROSE BAKER

WARD IV	MODERATOR	RAYMOND P. BLANCHARD
	WARD CLERK	THERESA LOFRANCO
	WARD SELECTMEN	JOHN T. FABISAK, THOMAS P. CONNORS, JACK LOFRANCO
	REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	ISABELLE T. WALSH

WARD V	MODERATOR	CHARLES L. VAUGHN
	WARD CLERK	PATRICE R. CHAISSON
	WARD SELECTMEN	ELAINE KRASKER, WILLIAM G. SCOTT, CAROL WILLIAMS
	REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	SUSAN B. JOHNSON

WARD VI	MODERATOR	EILEEN ROSSLEY
	WARD CLERK	GRACE J. GINTOVT
	WARD SELECTMEN	JUNE B. COAKLEY, SHEILA F. BROWN, GRACE G. HOFFMAN
	REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	EDNA G. HOBBS

**REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT  
ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 2, 1976**

WARD I.	LEA H. AESCHLIMAN
	RALPH C. MAYNARD
WARD II.	JAMES R. SPLAINE
	RUTH L. GRIFFIN
WARD III.	MARY E. COTTON
	JOSEPH A. MCEACHERN
	JOSEPH A. MACDONALD
WARD IV	THOMAS P. CONNORS, SR.
	MICHAEL J. O'KEEFE
WARD V.	ELAINE S. KRASKER
	JOYCE R. ZABARSKY
WARD VI	BRUCE P. ROSSLEY
	DONNA J. MCEACHERN

**VITAL STATISTICE RECORDED**

BIRTHS	MARRIAGES	DEATHS	STILLBIRTHS
1,098	317	308	8

**CAUSES OF DEATH**

Heart	79
Cancer	44
Cerebral diseases	67
Gram-Negative Sepsis	1
Renal Failure	5
Bronchopneumonia	19
Pneumonia	11
Acute Hepatic Failure	1
Septicemia	1
Subarrchmoid Hemorrhage	1
Shock & Internal Hemorrhage	2
Cardiorespiratory Arrest	8
Stroke	5
Respiratory Failure	5
Hepatic Insufficiency	3
Peritonitis & Shock	1
Self-inflicted gun shot wound	2
Staphylococcal Septicemia	1
Diabetic Acidosis	1
Sepsis	3
Ruptured Diverticulum Colon	1
Pontine Thrombosis	1
Biliary Obstruction	1

Leukemia	2
Lithium Carbonate poisoning	1
Laceration of Brain	2
Laceration of Spinal Cord	1
Hepatic Coma & Bleeding	1
Inanition	1
Gangrene	2
Sudden Infant Death (crib death)	2
Laennec's Cirrhosis	1
Esophagal Varices	1
Lung Disease	1
Respiratory Arrest	2
Leiomyosarcoma Stomach	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	2
Intestinal Obstruction	2
Brain Tumor - Astrocytoma	2
Decubital ulcers	1
Uremia	3
Senile Demetra	2
Asphyxiation	4
Hypercalcemia	5
Hypertension	3
Anemia - Megaloblastic	3
Influenza	1
Severe Emphysema	1
Gastrointestinal Bleeding	6
Chronic Brain Syndrome	2
Liver failure	1

**LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED**

VITAL STATISTICS (BIRTH, DEATHS, MARRIAGES)	\$ 4 973 70
UCC FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS	1 575 00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	1 665 00
SEWER PERMITS	325 00
MISC. ITEMS	705 55
DOGS	3 614 00
BIKES	50 00
TAXI	785 00
THEATRE	400 00
PINBALL	1 500 00
MISC. LICENSES	3 433 00
POLITICAL FILINGS	121 00
TOKENS	980 25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,127.50</b>

# DISTRICT COURT

SUMMARY OF COURT CASES:		NUMBER	OFFENSES		
		REPORTED	ARRESTS	CLEARED	JUVENILE
Criminal Cases					
Total number of cases	3672				
Juvenile Cases					
Cases of neglected children	10				
Cases of delinquent children	71				
Cases of PINS	29				
Civil					
Landlord and Tenant	190				
Small Claims					
Total number of cases	649				
STOLEN PROPERTY:					
Amount Stolen	\$ 654,622.74				
Amount Recovered	\$ 242,949.64				
CASH RECEIVED:					
Beano Licenses	\$ 2,575.00				
Junk Licenses	\$ 75.00				
Accidents reported to Police	1,385				
Police Patrol trips	759				
Store Doors and Windows Found Open	233				
Street Lights Reported Out	3				
Suicide	1				
Suicide, Attempted	8				
Death Due to Auto Accidents	1				
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	15	12	13	1	
ASSAULTS (OTHER)	67	60	60	19	
ARRESTED FOR OTHER DEPTS	65	65	65	41	
ARSON	11	5	5	3	
AUTO THEFT - RECOVERED: 92	118	19	19	12	
AUTOMOBILE OFFENSES	2,022	2,022	2,022	9	
BURGLARY	354	94	94	31	
CONTEMPT OF COURT	1	1	1	0	
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	117	117	117	67	
DRUNKENNESS	162	162	162	18	
D. W. I.	155	155	155	1	
ESCAPED PRISONERS	6	6	6	6	
FORGERY	3	3	3	0	
FRAUD - FALSE PRETENSES	1	1	1	1	
LARCENY BY CHECK	21	21	21	2	
LARCENY	823	78	78	32	
LIQUOR LAWS	4	4	4	1	
(MINORS IN POSS.)	10	10	10	10	
LODGERS 890	-	-	-	-	
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	606	82	82	53	
NARCOTICS	58	58	58	10	
PERJURY	1	1	1	0	
RAPE - FORCIBLE	7	3	3	0	
ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT	1	1	1	0	
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	15	15	15	3	
ROBBERY - ARMED	9	4	4	1	
FROM PERSON	2	1	1	1	
SAFE KEEPING	9	9	9	1	
ATTEMPTED MURDER	1	1	1	0	
WEAPON OFFENSES	3	3	3	0	
MISCELLANEOUS ARRESTS	143	138	138	62	
RUN-A-WAY (JUVENILES)	88	88	88	88	
UNCONTROLLABLE CHILD	20	20	20	20	
TRUANCY	4	4	4	4	
SEX OFFENSES -	8	1	1	0	
LASCIVIOUS ACTS	8	6	6	0	
VIOLATING CITY ORDINANCE	10	10	10	0	



# POLICE

Police Youth Aide Mary C. Larin was honored in Washington, D.C. in November 1976 as being one of the ten most outstanding young women in America. In May 1977, she received the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce Award as being Citizen of the Year. Both of these distinctions were based on her dedicated work with children through her role with the Portsmouth Police Department.

Officer Michael E. Fracher received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, cum laude, from St. Anselms College at Manchester, N.H. in May 1977.

Roy Labrie was promoted from Lieutenant to Captain in May 1977. A new division, the Police Community Relations and Crime Prevention Division, was formed and placed under his supervision at that time.

Former City Marshall Martin O. Betz died in November 1976.

Retiring from the Police Force were Captain Robert Tebbetts on 6/30/76, Police Clerk Jeannette Bomberger on 8/31/76, Patrolman Robert Knight on 2/28/77, and Patrolman Robert Miles on 2/28/77.

New Officers hired were Timothy Ollivierre, Adam Price, Jr., James Prendergast, James Trueman, Gregory Ambrose, and Don Clark.

Leaving the Police Force with Disability Retirement were William Shupe on 11/1/76, and Edwin Capone on 11/1/76.

On September 23, 1976, Captain William R. Ferguson graduated from the F.B.I. Academy at Quantico, Virginia, which commenced on July 12, 1976.

Patrolmen Dennis Cilley, Robert Finney, Norman Moore, and Adam Price, Jr., together with Sergeants Richard Pearson and Charles Stuart completed a course at Pembroke, N.H. in the operation of the breathalyzer during the period of this report. The breathalyzer is used to determine the alcohol content in the blood.



# FIRE

## Fire Alarms:

Total number of alarms .....	788
Total number of fires .....	310
145 - Structural fires	
105 - Non-structural fires	
60 - Transportation fires	
Ambulance Calls .....	1,549
Misc. Calls .....	379
False Calls .....	78
Mutual Aid Responses .....	8

The value of buildings and contents endangered by fire amounted to \$2,381,250.00, and insurance on same was \$2,153,300.00. Damage by fire was \$741,792.00 and insurance paid was \$590,888.00.

## Call Department:

The Portsmouth Fire Department call firefighter force is a vital part of the fire department table of organization. Their responsibilities are supplementing the permanent force with trained manpower in times of emergencies.

## Call Department Statistics:

Number of men - July 1, 1976.....	17
Number of men - June 30, 1977.....	14
Table of Organization authorized .....	20
Number of fires during this period requiring call department.....	38
Attendance at fires .....	63%
Training sessions conducted.....	12
Attendance at training sessions .....	83%

## Vehicle Status:

The department vehicle force consists of 12, of which eight are fire apparatus, one ambulance, two utility vehicles, and the fire chief's station wagon.

Total mileage for all vehicles during the period was 50,349. Parts, plus outside repairs totaled to \$4,353.89. The combined total downtime for all units were 1,354 hours.

Major repairs included transmission overhauls for Engine #1, 1974 American LaFrance, and Engine #2, 1965 Howe, with a total expenditure of \$1,860.00.

The new ambulance, placed in service in November 1976, was returned twice to the factory in Huntsville, Ala. for warranty work.

Of the six pumps service tested during March 1977, two were found to have serious defects. Engine #3, 1950 Mack, is in need of a pump overhaul, and Engine #4, 1956 Ford will require an engine overhaul.

#### Personnel Data:

July 12, 1976 ..... Louis T. Wool appointed Chief, resigned on August 27, 1976.

Aug. 28, 1976 ..... Deputy Robert Murphy was appointed as Acting Chief of the Dept.

Sept. 1976 ..... Deputy Hersey was appointed as Training Officer.

Oct. 31, 1976 ..... Firefighter John W. Connors retired from the Dept.

Nov. 11, 1976 ..... Donald F. Morris was appointed as Firefighter (fill vacant position).

Dec. 31, 1976 ..... Firefighter Carl Widen retired.

Jan. 10, 1977 ..... Paul G. Long was appointed Chief.

Jan. 10, 1977 ..... Robert P. Murphy was appointed as 1st Deputy Chief.

Feb. 28, 1977 ..... Theodore Boisvert was appointed as Firefighter (fill vacant position).

April 29, 1977 ..... Captain Theodore Blood retired.

May 19, 1977 ..... Firefighter Roger Guilbault resigned.

All newly appointed firefighters have been assigned to a 5 day work week rather than shift work so as to be better exposed for orientation and indoctrination. They are then assigned to a regular shift when they have met the requirements satisfactory.

#### Safety:

Safety is a continuing part of training for all personnel. Special Training consisted of:

387.5 manhours - Defensive Driving.

77.5 manhours - Safety program for firefighters.

30.0 manhours - Safety program for call firefighters.

The standards on protective gear for firefighters during this period have been established, and all firefighters have been issued eye shields.

# CITY ATTORNEY

The Legal Department of the City of Portsmouth consisted of one attorney and one secretary during fiscal year 1976-77. The cost of this department to the taxpayers was \$38,000.00.

The services of this office include advising and defending the City Council, City Manager, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, the twelve boards and commissions of the City and the researching of various legal matters pertaining to the City Business.

As of June, 1976 there were 22 suits pending against the City in Rockingham County Superior Court.

In April, 1977, Peter J. Loughlin resigned to enter into private practice and Charles M. Eldredge was appointed the new City Attorney.

## WELFARE

### DIRECT RELIEF

Average number of monthly cases .....	55.78
Average number of persons .....	168.33
Average monthly expenditures .....	\$5,214.63

### BOARD AND CARE CHILDREN

Average number of monthly cases .....	16.56
Average monthly expenditures .....	\$2,969.58

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Monthly expenditures .....	\$9,191.93
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### OTHER EXPENSE

Miscellaneous - monthly .....	\$ 186.53
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### ADMINISTRATIVE

Salary; supplies; insurance; phone; postage; dues; conference; printing; transportation; cash allowance - monthly .....	\$1,553.19
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Medical - monthly .....	\$ 161.63
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Temporary/Emergency .....	\$1,558.57
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# ANIMAL CONTROL

Calls recorded .....	3,408
Dog bites reported to Animal Control .....	37
Animal bites (other than dogs) reported to Animal Control .....	17
Dogs picked up and impounded .....	272
Dogs in protective custody (returned home) .....	236
Total number dogs handled .....	508
Lost dogs reported to Animal Control .....	113
Lost dogs found by Animal Control .....	102
Animals (and birds) other than dogs handled by Animal Control .....	258
Dead animals picked up and disposal made .....	146
Dog licenses issued .....	1,532

Seven (7) meetings attended of the Dog Owners of Granite State Organization in different areas of the State during this fiscal year (night meetings).

Nine public hearings attended at the State House on animal bills and bills related to animal welfare, license fees, care, etc.

Programs given at the Animal Center, Woodbury Ave. for seven (7) groups of cub scouts and five (5) groups of brownies.

Programs given at the Hillsboro County Kennel Club, Bedford N.H..

Program at the New Hampshire S.P.C.A. Shelter at Stratham for the Rockingham County Dog Officers.

Lecture given at the Animal Control Officers workshop at Ashland, Mass.

Program given at the Lincoln, Mass. Current Topics Club at their annual meeting.

Program given at New Hampshire S.P.C.A. Shelter for forty young people from the Hampton N.H. area.

Meetings attended on Dec. 10, 1976 and Feb. 9th, 1977 in Boston to plan the New England Federation of Humane Society annual meeting.

Program given to the Rockingham County Law Enforcement Association meeting on Jan. 7th, 1977.

Four (4) programs given at the Portsmouth Junior High school between Feb. 1977 and May 1977.

Programs given at the following elementary schools in Portsmouth: Altontic heights, Dondero(2) Little Harbour, Wentworth, New Franklin(3), Sherburne.

Program given at Rye Junior High School with the N.H.S.P.C.A..

The New England Federation of Humane Societies meetings attended at Portland, Maine 4/11/77 and Bangor, Main on 5/2/77.

Three (3) classes at the Portsmouth Senior High School attended a program in conjunction with the New Hampshire S.P.C.A..

The Horse Care and Safety workshop attended at Ashland, Mass. 4H center at Ashland, Mass.

The New England Federation of Humane Societies meeting attended at Plymouth, Mass. Elected to the Board of Governors for a three (3) year term.

Programs have been given to all the schools that request us and to any groups. They have been well received.



# PLANNING

The Planning Department provides staff assistance to the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, the Historic District Commission and the Citizens' Council on Community Development. The Department makes recommendations to the City Council and City Manager on issues relevant to the development of the community. The Planning Director serves as Chairman of the Site Review Committee, which reviews the site plans of industrial, commercial, major residential, and parking lot developments to insure that public interests are protected. The Planning Department also files applications for state, federal, and private grants.

## PLANNING BOARD

During 1976-1977 the Planning Board held sixteen (16) regular and special meetings. It acted on fifteen (15) requests for subdivision of land, as well as several requests for rezoning of land. The most important of these cases to the community was the rezoning and subdivision of the Marion Frink property for the development of a shopping center on Woodbury Avenue.

The Planning Board makes recommendations to various municipal bodies that are consistent with the Master Plan, receives reports on important issues facing the community, and provides an opportunity for public input and discussion into the programs that guide the orderly development of the City. The Planning Board recommended to the City Council amendments to the mobile home ordinance, the parking ordinance, and the zoning ordinance.

The Board adopted a Capital Budget and Improvement Program for 1978-1983 and made recommendations on the reuse of the Plains and Forrocut Schools. The Board received and discussed a report from the Seacrest Village Committee concerning the future of Seacrest Village. The Planning Board also considered issues such as Coastal Zone Management, Community Development, and designation of Packer's Bog as a Conservation district.

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment provides a "relief valve" for special situations where the Zoning Ordinance may cause a hardship to a property and the property owner therefore appeals for a variance. The Board of Adjustment also hears requests for special exceptions as allowed in the Zoning Ordinance. In 1976-1977, the Board held 62 public hearings. Of the 56 appeals for variances, 43 were granted (many with conditions attached) and 13 denied, for an approval rate of 76.8%. Of the 6 requests for special exceptions, 5 were granted and 1 denied, for an approval rate of 83.3%.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1976-1977 witnessed the second year of Portsmouth's participation in the Community Development Program. Several projects were continued or completed during this period. In addition, a number of new projects were initiated. Projects undertaken during this time included:

#### McDonough Street Program.

Housing inspection and loan and grant assistance to homeowners in the twenty-three block area continued during the second year of the program. The second phase of physical improvements was completed. A new neighborhood park was constructed in the project area.

#### Industrial Park:

Construction of the Industrial Park was completed and development of the available parcels was initiated.

#### Market Square

Plans for the improvements were completed. A contract for the construction of the improvements was awarded in June of 1977.

#### Sea Crest Village:

Construction of the second phase of physical improvements to this area were completed. Improvements included new sidewalks, curbing, street resurfacing drainage system improvements, and landscaping.

#### Woodbury Avenue Sidewalks:

Plans for the construction of a sidewalk along Woodbury Avenue from Granite Street to Gosling Road were completed.

#### Senior Citizen Center:

Assistance was provided to the Senior Citizen Center to modernize and improve the existing facility.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## City Forces

The Public Works Department crews used the following for maintenance of city streets and sidewalks:

- |          |                             |          |                    |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| a) 1,773 | Tons of bituminous products | c) 230   | Tons of Cold patch |
| b) 54    | Tons of gravel              | d) 92    | Tons of stone      |
|          |                             | e) 5.5   | c.y. of concrete   |
|          |                             | f) 13    | Tons of sand       |
|          |                             | g) 4,000 | Sidewalk Brick     |

## STREET MAINTENANCE

### Contract Paving

Completed paving of the following streets:

- |                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Pierce Island Road | Mason Avenue   |
| Woodlawn Circle    | Whipple Court  |
| Hillcrest Drive    | Decatur Road   |
| Georges Terrace    | Colonial Drive |
| Schurman Avenue    | Hall Court     |
| Worthen Road       | Sutton Avenue  |
| Victory Avenue     | Doris Avenue   |
| Witmer Avenue      | Holly Lane     |
| Greenside Avenue   |                |

The amount of bituminous products used on the above streets amounted to 3,079.6 tons at a cost of \$54,662.94.

There were 2,256 square feet of sidewalks completed by contract; also, 2,936 linear feet of granite curbing on the following streets:

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Richards Avenue  | Pleasant Street |
| High Street      | Ladd Street     |
| Congress Street  | Market Street   |
| Livermore Street |                 |

There were 275 feet of concrete curbing used on Pleasant, Ladd and High streets.

## SIGNS and SAFETY

Installed/replaced 150 meter posts.

Installed/replaced the following

- a) 4 146 feet of thermoplastic crosswalks
- b) 27 speed limit signs
- c) 150 restricted parking signs
- d) 125 street signs
- e) 50 stop signs
- f) 10 slow school and children signs
- g) 24 lane marking arrows
- h) 500 catch basin arrows
- i) 500 feet yellow curbing
- j) Placed new guard rail on Islington Street
- k) Placed treated railroad ties under former High/Hanover Lot.
- l) Painted all public parking lots except Parrot Avenue and Bridge Street
- m) Painted 70% of all parking spaces.



## TREE PLANTING

For the year, 76 trees were planted throughout the city. Types of trees planted include:

Norway Maples	Pin Oak
Honey Locust	Hopa Crab
Bradford Pear	Little Leaf Linden
Crimson King Maple	Eloyi Crab

## REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

Refuse collection is provided to all sections of the city either by private contractors or city owned vehicles and city crews. The city crews pick up and dispose of refuse from approximately 500 homes daily at the North Hampton landfill site.

22,403 Tons of refuse were collected this year.

In addition to the regular refuse collection, one week of April is designated as "Spring Clean-up Week". During this week, the city crews pick up and dispose of any unwanted articles that are set out by the homeowners on their regular collection day.

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT

All flow monitoring equipment was inoperable for the majority of this time period due to the rehabilitation and enlargement work in progress at the Deer Street and Mechanic Street lift stations. Processing totals are estimated to be at least equivalent to last year.

## SEWER MAINTENANCE

Performed 126 excavation and repair jobs including:

- a) 44 main line repairs
- b) 12 lateral lines repaired
- c) 3 new manholes constructed
- d) 24 manholes repaired
- e) 10 new catchbasins constructed
- f) 31 catchbasins repaired
- g) 2 catchbasin lines repaired

Performed 30 mainline preventative maintenance jobs

Cleared 80 mainlines

115 man days North Mill Pond Sewer

Cleaned 10 culverts

Cleared 38 lateral lines

Responded to 1062 calls for clearing flooded areas

347 man days expended cleaning catchbasins

Installed 15 new manhole covers

Installed 20 new catchbasin frames

Installed 20 new catchbasin grates

## ENGINEERING

Modifications to the Deer and Mechanic Street lift stations is substantially complete. Pending final inspection and equipment testing, final acceptance is anticipated for the fall of 1977.

Engineering personnel prepared plans and specifications and inspected the following projects:

- South Playground Tennis Courts
- Demolition of the High-Hanover parking deck
- Memorial Bridge approach repair - Phase 1

## INSPECTION DIVISION

The Inspection Division encompasses the following areas; Building Inspection, Electrical Inspection, Plumbing Inspection, Housing Code Inspection.

The following is a breakdown of the activities of the Inspection Division.

### Inspection Breakdown

Building .....	1520
Electrical .....	348
Plumbing .....	167
Sites .....	36
Junk Vehicles .....	14
Complaints .....	111

### Permits Issued

Building .....	447
Electrical .....	269
Signs .....	50
Plumbing .....	244
P.S. of N.H. ....	196

### Housing Code

Structures Inspected .....	422
Dwelling Units Inspected .....	642
Housing Code Violation Noted .....	591
Housing Code Violations Corrected .....	526
Inspections Made For P.H.A. ....	138
Public Bldgs. and Schools Inspected .....	-
Visual Inspections For Fire Escapes .....	1477

### Breakdown of Building Permits:

Type of Construction	Estimated Costs	No. Permits
Swimming Pools .....	\$ 49,060 .....	14
New Homes .....	418,641 .....	14
New Apartments .....	5,000 .....	1
New Garages .....	20,563 .....	7

New Business .....	2,884,000	16
New Additions .....	536,040	44
Buildings Razed .....	74,699	8
Business Repairs .....	130,950	12
General Repairs .....	204,174	112
Buildings Remodeled .....	1,286,494	66
Miscellaneous .....	487,509	169
Totals	\$6,097,130	463
FEES COLLECTED .....		\$11,982.00

#### WATER DIVISION

The City of Portsmouth via the Water Division of the Department of Public Works supplies water to 5,932 residential, commercial, industrial and municipal customers within the City of Portsmouth, and the Towns of Greenland, New Castle, Madbury, Durham and Newington. In addition Portsmouth wholesales water to the Town of New Castle, which in turn distributes this water to its own customers.

The Water Division in the past sold water at wholesale rates to the Rye Water District. The Rye Water District has now found its own source of supply. At the same time that the Rye Water District began using its own source, the Water Division began supplying water to Pease Air Force Base.

The Water Division is operated as a self-supporting Department. Its rates for service rendered to customers within the City of Portsmouth are subject to the approval of the City Council. The City Council, however, does not have jurisdiction over customers located outside the City limit. Rates for service rendered to customers located outside the City of Portsmouth are subject to approval by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, the same as a privately-owned utility.

Major objectives of the Water Department are - (1) Providing pure and safe water for customers, (2) Delivering water to a customer's premises in quantity and at pressure required, (3) Providing a reliable and adequate supply, (4) Providing water for fire protection in quantity and at required pressure, (5) Providing water which is free from discoloration and taste, all at minimum cost and within water revenues.

		Average Population Served	Number of Metered Services	Number of Gallons Consumed	
Repairs to Services . . . . .	55	PORTSMOUTH . . . . .	25,717	5,292	810,819,834
New Services . . . . .	41	GREENLAND . . . . .	1,784	345	55,119,887
Service Renewals . . . . .	31	NEWINGTON . . . . .	730	130	27,477,531
Broken Water Mains . . . . .	31	NEWCASTLE . . . . .	902	74	19,565,864
Braken Hydrants Repaired . . . . .	20	RYE . . . . .	4,083	62	53,849,755
New Hydrants . . . . .	10	DURHAM . . . . .	1	1	48,478
Broken Water Valves . . . . .	24	MADBURY . . . . .		1	2,056,613
Hydrant Relocations . . . . .	1				
Repaired Meters . . . . .	297		33,217	5,905	969,537,962
Meters Changed . . . . .	612				
PEAK DAY . . . . .					7,316,000
AVERAGE DAILY DEMAND . . . . .					3,967,685

# RECREATION

SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS ATTENDANCE	1976	1977
Atlantic Heights. . . . .	1133	1491
Cater Park (Play Area) . . . . .	541	400
Dondero . . . . .	1735	1776
Gosling Meadows. . . . .	1389	1174
Lafayette . . . . .	1620	1207
Maple Haven. . . . .	1938	1902
McDonough Street (Play Area) . . . . .	503	525
New Franklin or Pine Street . . . . .	1335	1213
Seacrest . . . . .	690	1101
Sherburne or Panaway . . . . .	755	1572
South. . . . .	1403	1798
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>13,042</b>	<b>14,159</b>

## SUMMER PROGRAM—PARTICIPATION

Overall playground attendance . . . . .	14,159
Summer craft program . . . . .	923
Farm system (major & minor leagues). . . . .	165
5-7 year old whiffleball league . . . . .	108
Girls softball league. . . . .	80
Childrens summer tennis program . . . . .	40
Adult summer tennis program. . . . .	80
Free ice cream on all playgrounds (gave out 4,000 popsicles) . . . . .	4,000
Little Red Wagon . . . . .	500
Country Fair . . . . .	450
4th of July City Fireworks . . . . .	15,000
Summer music program . . . . .	123
Bicycle trip Odiornes Point . . . . .	125
On Wheels Parade . . . . .	85
Trip to Canobie Lake Park . . . . .	200
Bowl-O-Rama Week . . . . .	130
American Legion Jr. Olympics . . . . .	725
Pawtuckaway State Park (2 trips). . . . .	346
Summer Music festival. . . . .	600
City Wide Scavenger Hunt . . . . .	161
Hot Shot summer program. . . . .	50
Summer basketball program. . . . .	50
Judo (summer). . . . .	120
Intramural basketball games . . . . .	450
National Tennis week. . . . .	75
Stoneham Zoo . . . . .	60
Mens & Womens softball leagues . . . . .	250
Babe Ruth Senior baseball league . . . . .	100
Pee Wee & Midget football leagues . . . . .	120
Summer co-ed volleyball. . . . .	350
Shamrocks football team. . . . .	35
American Legion baseball program. . . . .	20
<b>TOTAL PARTICIPATION IN ALL SUMMER PROGRAMS. . . . .</b>	<b>39,680</b>

## COMMUNITY CENTER MEETINGS

Services Mothers  
Gold Star Mothers  
D.A.V. and D.A.V. Auxiliary  
Fleet Reserve and Fleet Reserve Auxiliary  
Recreation Board  
Pigeon Club  
Y.D.V.A. and Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary  
Cheerleaders practice  
Archery Club Organizational meetings  
Girl Scout and Girl Scout Cadets meetings  
Brownie work shop meetings  
Girl Scout Leaders meetings  
Senior Babe Ruth League  
Senior Football League  
Babe Ruth League  
Softball meetings (Men and Women)  
Chamber of Commerce First Aid Course  
Board of Adjustment meeting  
City Employees Safety meetings  
Public Hearings  
Nurses Association  
Portsmouth Search and Rescue Team  
Portsmouth Re-Act  
C.B. Club  
**V.I.K. CLUB**  
**(Very Important Kids)**

## PURPOSE

A program for child involvement in non-organized sporting events, available for any student during the school year from September through June

Fund raiser to purchase necessary recreational equipment for the club.

## ACTIVITIES

Air Hockey  
Television  
Stereo Music  
Field Trips  
Table games (cards, checkers, etc.)  
Movies  
Holiday Parties  
Whiffleball  
Tournament games (Ping pong & indoor tennis)  
Intramural tennis  
T.V. tennis  
T.V. Soccer  
T.V. Hockey



## COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Basketball Leagues  
 City League (Adults)  
 Girls (Jr. High and High School)  
 7th & 8th grade boys  
 Church (High School Students)  
 Jr. High Cheerleaders (7th & 8th grade)  
 Intramural basketball  
 Scheduled practices for all the above leagues

Basketball tournaments:  
 7th & 8th Grade Invitational  
 Seacoast Invitational (Adults)  
 Girls (Jr. High and High School)

Judo (junior and senior)  
 Archery (junior and senior)  
 Bonnie Prudence physical fitness classes (Pre-schoolers)  
 Indoor tennis instruction in gym  
 Bowling league  
 Hot Shot basketball program  
 Arts & Crafts  
 Easter Egg hunts  
 City Wide Santa mail  
 Music performance trust fund concerts  
 Ty tennis  
 Co-ed sports banquet  
 Ice skating program  
 Basketball clinic (films)  
 Whiffleball  
 Billiards  
 Table games  
 Film program  
 Ping Pong  
 Street hockey program (co-ed)  
 Jr. High  
 Elementary

High School  
 Co-ed Volleyball (7th & 8th Grade)

## AMERICAN RED CROSS SWIMMING LESSONS

1975

CLASS	Sign-up	Passed	Failed
Beginners .....	162	101	61
Advanced Beginners .....	142	69	73
Intermediates .....	83	44	39
Swimmers .....	46	38	8
Advanced Swimmers .....	23	21	2
Junior Life Saving .....	18	8	10
Senior Life Saving .....	18	8	10
TOTAL .....	492	289	203

1976

CLASS	Sign-up	Passed	Failed
Beginners .....	185	101	84
Advanced Beginners .....	134	67	67
Intermediates .....	55	26	29
Swimmers .....	39	25	14
Advanced Swimmers .....	21	17	4
Advanced Lifesaving .....	7	2	5
Basic Rescue & Water Safety .....	11	7	4
Basic Survival .....	14	5	9
Advanced Survival .....	6	3	3
TOTAL .....	472	253	219



## JOHN F. KENNEDY ACTIVITIES

Basketball  
7th & 8th grade basketball (practices)  
Yoga  
Baton Twirling  
Girl Scout & Brownie meetings  
Junior High Gym Classes  
Table Games  
T V and Reading room  
Volleyball League (Men & Women)  
Co-ed volleyball  
Dance classes  
Duplicate bridge  
Transcendental Meditation  
Senior Citizen parties  
Volleyball (general)  
Ladies night  
YWCA classes (various types)  
Steam Room  
Sauna Bath

Ping Pong tables  
Weight lifting  
Jogging  
Handball (indoor and outdoor courts)  
Racquet Ball  
Men's and Women's softball league meetings  
Registration all Little Leagues  
Little League tag days  
Babe Ruth League tag days  
Youth Hockey tag days  
Shamrock football tag days  
Pee Wee football tag days  
Shamrock cheerleaders  
High School cheerleaders  
Plumbing test  
Babe Ruth League registration  
Eckankar  
Family Services  
Handball League  
Racquetball League  
Registration for Youth Hockey

# PUBLIC EDUCATION

Since February 1977, all Portsmouth schools are on regular session. Programs for students with special needs have been introduced and expanded throughout the various grade levels.

Elementary students have been tested using a nation-wide test. The average Portsmouth elementary students' Math and Reading scores are above the national average.

The High School is now a completely comprehensive school. Four (4) foreign languages are offered for students moving in that direction, as well as twenty four (24) vocational courses.

## SURVEY OF GRADUATING CLASS OF 1977

Planning to Attend a Four-Year College or University: . . . . .	33%
Planning to Attend other Post Secondary Institutions: . . . . .	14%
(Jr. College, Nursing School, Business School, Vocational- Technical Institute, Post-Graduate, etc.)	
Employment, Travel and/or Marriage: . . . . .	35%
Armed Services: . . . . .	10%
No Definite Plans or Information Available: . . . . .	8%

# **TUITION COST PER PUPIL**

	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>
Senior High. ....	1,229	1,333
Junior High. ....	1,174	1,330
Elementary. ....	950	1,307
Kindergarten. ....	523	719
Special Education. ....	1,900	2,000

# **MEMBERS PORTSMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Harry MacLeod, Jr., Chairman  
 Janet Corcoran  
 Ruth Griffin  
 John I. Hale, Jr. (left April 1977)  
 Charles Halle  
 Francis T. Malloy  
 Robert Philbrook  
 Diane Shore  
 Frederick Sullivan  
 John Sullivan  
 Harold Whitehouse  
 Ralph Woodman

The SAT scores for last year are as follows:

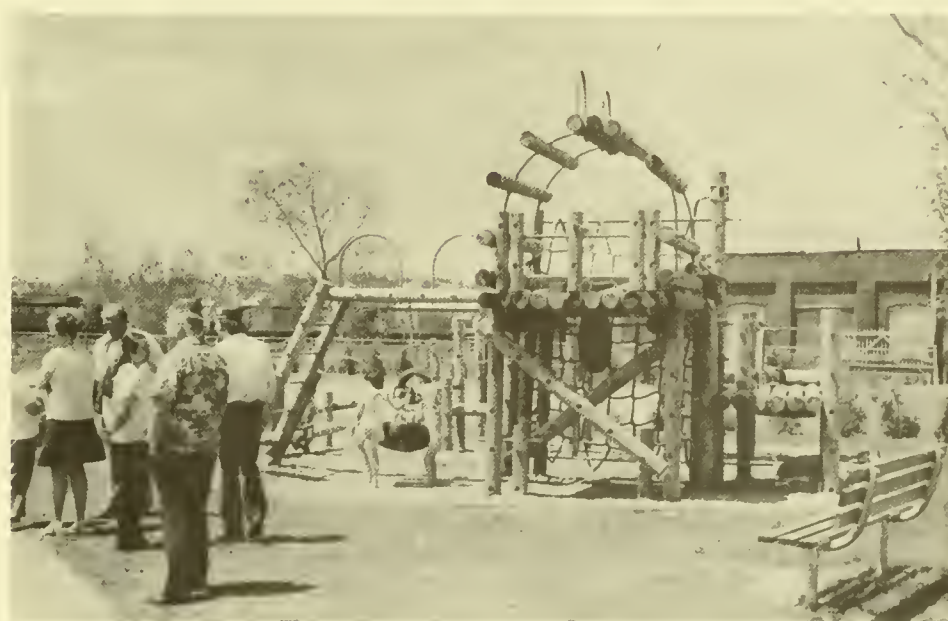
	<u>VERBAL</u>	<u>MATH</u>
PORTSMOUTH. ....	462	484
Massachusetts. ....	429	465
New England. ....	432	468
New Hampshire. ....	446	488
National. ....	431	472

# **OPENING DAY ENROLLMENT**

**SEPT 76 SEPT 77**

Atlantic Heights. ....	151	157
Dondero. ....	440	381
Lafayette. ....	151	157
Little Harbour. ....	553	492
New Franklin. ....	298	300
Jones. ....	445	459
Brackett. ....	433	360
Sherburne. ....	161	147
Wentworth. ....	297	299
Junior High. ....	840	823
Senior High. ....	<u>2032</u>	<u>2030</u>

**TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT: . . . . . 5801 5605**



# LIBRARY

The newly expanded library has now been operating out of its completed facility for over a year. The increase in use we are experiencing and the increase in demand for service are both gratifying and challenging. The circulation of library materials has increased from a total of 104,000 in 1975-1976 to 135,539 in 1976-1977, a very dramatic increase.

The use of our facility for reasons other than taking out a book has also shown very heavy use.

We will soon have to expand our magazine and newspaper area to accommodate the many people who come in to read without taking anything out. Our meeting room is constantly being used for art displays, social organizations' meetings, discussion groups, and many other activities.

We circulated some 408 films, which we get free from the State Library. Films which we circulated and film programs we sponsored, such as the very successful Prescott Park Film Festival, gave us an annual audience of 18,760.

The children's room has been one of the most active areas in the library showing an increase in items circulated of 8,400 over the 1975-1976 figure. Our children's room now has a six foot mouse who tells stories. Fish Tales was an outreach program which took the library to three sites this summer. The library told stories, did puppet shows, and circulated books at Sherburne, Dondero, and Wentworth Acres Schools.

The reference area has been increasingly emphasizing information and referral services. We have answered questions ranging from the spelling of words to the cost of living in various cities. We have investment services such as Value Line, Kiplinger Letter, and Moody's, as well as Consumer Reports and many books showing how to build, grow, buy, save money, or do almost anything.

The library has begun a bi-weekly news column in the Portsmouth Herald and we do book reviews for the Beacon, the Voice, and other periodicals.

The Portsmouth Public Library is open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

You can reach us by telephone — 436-5724.

Trustees of the library are Janet Corcoran, Richard Carey, Jane Eveland, Barbara Hopley, Richard Semprini, Trudy Sherburne, Gregory Whalen, Gill Williams, and Barney Share.

## SERVICES/PROGRAMS "A TO Z"

Art exhibits  
Art prints on loan  
Bulletin boards  
Business reference  
College catalogs  
Community information  
Consumer aid and information  
Copy machine  
Displays  
Encyclopedias  
Facilities to aid the handicapped  
Films to loan  
Indexes  
Large print materials  
Library instruction  
Library loan  
Local History  
Magazines  
Meeting rooms  
Microfilm/Microfiche  
Movies for children and adults  
Newspapers  
Pamphlet file  
Paperbacks  
Pre-school story hours  
Records  
Reference  
School visits  
State information  
Telephone directories  
Zip code information





## ECONOMIC COMMISSION

Major accomplishments during this period included the establishment of an electronics assembly plant, a major European mail order firm, completion of Borthwick Industrial Park, and resurgence of interest in the Central Business District.

Data General Corporation purchased the Port Plaza on Route 1 and in so doing brought 500 new jobs into our City as well as the introduction of electronics assembly as an industry.

Damart Thermowear, a European mail order firm that manufactures thermal underwear, located in the Woodbury Plaza. Their decision is important because it not only recycles another shopping center into a more stable use, but it brings some 100 jobs into the City now with good prospects for another 300 jobs as the firm expands.

Borthwick Industrial Park is now fully occupied with the Federal Credit Union's decision to locate there and construct new and larger quarters.

Of great importance to the City for the future is the establishment of the Portsmouth Industrial Park off Lafayette Road. The City approached the undertaking by channeling \$300,000 of its entitlement under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 into a 10-year capital improvement loan written at zero interest to the owners of the Park. In return for the improvements this made possible, the owners contributed \$300,000 for the roadway and utilities installation. Moreover, they will always keep available a general purpose building of about 25,000 square feet in area on a speculative basis. The loan is repaid to the City as buildings are leased or sold by the developers. If it is not fully repaid in 10 years, the note must be retired by the developer.

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission held six meetings during 1976-1977. The Commission was composed of Mr. Charles Breeding, Mr. Harold Crossman, Mrs. Barbara Griffin, Mrs. Agnes Harmon, Mrs. Yolanda Hoyne, Mrs. Clotilde Straus (Chairman), and Mr. Charles Vaughn (ex-officio member from the Planning Board).

Several applications to the New Hampshire Special Board for fill and dredge in the wetlands of the City were reviewed by the Commission and recommendations for permit granting or denial were forwarded to the Board in accordance with the provisions of the wetland legislation.

## Open Space Programs

Negotiations were initiated toward the acquisition of a sixteen acre wood grove on Wentworth Road and Sagamore Avenue

Recommendations to the Planning Board were prepared regarding an order of priorities in setting aside land for open space through acquisition by the City

## Shade Tree Program

The Commission prepared a plan for the planting of 76 trees throughout the City. Species selected were Norway Maple, Crimson King Maple, Pine Oak, Little Leaf Linden, Honey Locust, Bradford Pear, and two varieties of Crab-apple with particular concentration on planting on sidewalks of Richards, Miller and Lincoln Avenues in order to restore the former shaded character of these residential streets

Maintenance of young trees planted in recent years through the auspices of the Conservation Commission was performed by members of the Commission with the assistance of a Public Works crew and of a volunteer student from the University's Environmental Institute. Mr. Kenneth Hindman, who donated a total of seventy-three hours to the pruning and mulching of 250 trees and the staking of 63 trees, under the supervision of the Commission's Chairman



# TAX COLLECTOR

AMOUNT OF 1976 REAL ESTATE WARRANT	\$ 9,984,175.56
ADDED TAXES TO REAL ESTATE WARRANT 1976	70,154.25
AMOUNT OF REAL ESTATE COLLECTED BY 6/30/76	9,223,734.63
1975 REAL ESTATE COLLECTED IN 1976	816,204.72
AMOUNT OF 1976 RESIDENT TAX WARRANT	114,210.00
ADDED RESIDENT TAX WARRANT 1976	8,170.00
RESIDENT TAXES COLLECTED FOR 1976	98,360.00
RESIDENT TAXES COLLECTED FOR 1975	1,500.00
RESIDENT TAXES COLLECTED FOR 1974 and OLDER	792.00
RESIDENT TAXES COLLECTED FOR 1977	2690.00
TAX SALES REDEEMED	419,338.85
INTEREST ON ALL TAXES	83,985.93
TITLES ON CARS	5,686.00
TOTAL CASH COLLECTED FROM 7/1/76 to 6/30/77	\$11,070,021.52

## AUTO REGISTRATIONS

NUMBER	16,076
INCOME	\$411,091.00

## PARKING METER FINES

INCOME	\$ 14,913.00
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The income from the parking meter fines is not reflected in the total cash collected from the tax office. The Parking Meter Fines are collected in the tax office but the income is reported direct to the Treasurer and not entered into the tax office ledger.

# HEALTH

The Following procedures were carried out:

The supervision of the immunization program at the Senior High School.

The checking of the x-ray and EKG reports of policemen and firemen.

Administered "shots" of typhoid and tetanus to members of the department working underground.

Investigated all complaints detrimental to public health.

Checked out all homes of families with foster children.

Attended to requests by people traveling abroad.

Finally, answered numerous calls from people seeking information in Portsmouth and Portsmouth Hospital.

# ASSESSOR

## ITEMIZED SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATIONS

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Land and Buildings	\$ 168,046,210.00	\$ 170,783,760.00
Factory Buildings	8,099,450.00	8,623,750.00
Public Utilities	39,483,900.00	40,035,900.00
Boats and Launches	126,100.00	133,900.00
Mobile Homes and Trailers	490,900.00	631,400.00
	<u>\$ 216,246,560.00</u>	<u>\$ 220,208,710.00</u>

## BREAKDOWN OF TAXES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Gross Valuation	\$ 216,246,560.00	\$ 220,208,710.00
Assessment Ratio	81%	72%
Veteran's Exemptions	111,327.40	111,267.13
Elderly Exemptions	1,429,975.00	1,575,400.00
Net Taxable Total	214,796,585.00	217,868,910.00
Tax Rate (Dollars/\$1000)	47.00	48.30
Warrant to Tax Collector	9,984,175.56	10,447,272.77

## ACTIVITIES

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Inventory of Taxable Property Forms Distributed	5,918	5,998
Real Estate Inventories Returned and Processed	4,050	4,480
Veterans Exemption Forms Distributed	1,761	1,794
Veterans Exemption Forms Processed	1,780	1,824
Veterans Exemptions Granted	1,730	1,763
Build Permits Investigated and Appraised	363	339
Property Transfers (sales) Investigated and Processed	642	690
Elderly Exemptions Granted	183	212

## 1977 TAX RATE ITEMIZED

Schools	\$ 18.41
County	1.63
City	<u>28.26</u>
	\$ 48.30



# PURCHASING

The Purchasing Department issued 225 invitations to bid, requests for quotations, etc., to various vendors during 1976/1977 fiscal year.

A total of \$11,032.00 was realized by the City from the following:

Sale of city-owned land at the corner of Swett and McClintock Avenues Assessor's Plot Plan No. 66, Lot Nos. 139, 140 & 149.

Sale of surplus equipment and vehicle, which included one (1) 1941 Seagraves 85' 4-section Hydraulic Aerial Ladder, Model #66E, V12 Cylinder Engine Serial No. A8955, with accessories.

Sale of surplus vehicles, which included two (2) police cruisers and one (1) station wagon.

## FISCAL YEAR 1976/77 STATISTICS

Purchase Orders Processed during the Year	Expended
528 Purchase Orders for the month of July 1976	79,412.24
476 Purchase Orders for the month of August 1976	88,029.72
353 Purchase Orders for the month of September 1976	112,806.36
411 Purchase Orders for the month of October 1976	275,696.16
402 Purchase Orders for the month of November 1976	105,257.09
398 Purchase Orders for the month of December 1976	74,984.11
389 Purchase Orders for the month of January 1977	103,425.71
460 Purchase Orders for the month of February 1977	108,950.27
472 Purchase Orders for the month of March 1977	75,220.92
357 Purchase Orders for the month of April 1977	83,927.11
323 Purchase Orders for the month of May 1977	282,310.20
391 Purchase Orders for the month of June 1977	109,254.16
4,960 total purchase orders processed in the amount of	\$1,499,274.05

## CONTRACTED BID ITEM PRICE LISTING

Item Description	1975/1976 Bid Price	1976/1977 Bid Price	Increase/ Decrease
Chlorine in ton containers	\$ 9.93/cwt	\$ 11.90/cwt	(+ \$1.97)
Chlorine in 150# containers	14.43/cwt	19.00/cwt	(+ \$4.57)
Activated Carbon	28.40/cwt	35.60/cwt	(+ \$7.20)
Hydrated Lime	59.71/ton	65.20/ton	(+ \$5.49)
<u>Cold Patch:</u>			
At plant;	\$ 13.40/ton	\$ 14.75/ton	(+ \$1.35)
delivered to city yard			
or as designated.	14.65/ton	15.50/ton	(+ \$ .85)

Premix Asphaltic Concrete:

At plant; .....	\$ 12.90/ton	\$ 13.90/ton	(+ \$1.00)
in place on City streets -			
Up to 300 tons .....	\$ 17.50/ton	\$ 17.90/ton	(+ \$ .40)
Over 300 tons .....	\$ 17.50/ton	\$ 17.75/ton	(+ \$ .25)

Cast Iron Frame for Catch Basin

Type "B" w/ Galvanized Steel Grate	\$ 90.00/del	\$ 93.50/del	(+ \$3.50)
Cast Iron Monhole Frame &			
Cover - 24' ' Opening, 6' ' High	\$ 93.00/set	\$ 93.50/set	(+ \$ .50)
Cast Iron Manhole Frame &			
Cover - 32' ' Opening, 6' ' High	\$ 110.00/set	\$ 118.50/set	(+ \$8.50)

No 2 Fuel Oil .....	\$ .346/gal	\$ .344/gal	(- \$ .002)
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Gasoline:

Regular Grade .....	\$ .3508/gal	\$ .3598/gal	(+ \$.0090)
Lead-free Grade .....	\$ .3708/gal	\$ .3798/gal	(+ \$.0090)
High Test Grade .....	\$ .3628/gal	\$ .3818/gal	(+ \$.0190)

Note:

Gasoline prices shown above are excluding the State of New Hampshire gasoline tax, which the City does not pay.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET, June 30, 1977

### ASSETS

Cash .....	\$ 48,729
Savings accounts .....	193,689
Repurchase agreements .....	255,400
Accounts receivable .....	55,200
Due from federal government .....	168,087
Due from State of New Hampshire .....	124,246
Taxed receivable - delinquent .....	\$1,058,591
Less: estimated uncollectible delinquent taxes .....	<u>143,000</u> 915,591
Deeded property .....	11,909
Due from other funds:	
Capital Projects Fund .....	4,542
Enterprise - Water Fund .....	14,162
Parking Meter Fund .....	76,590
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund .....	<u>2,711</u> 98,005
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b><u>\$1,870,856</u></b>

### LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Accounts payable .....	\$ 255,543
Payroll and payroll withholdings .....	434,315
Due to Community Development Block Grant Fund .....	40,007
Bid deposits .....	<u>225</u>
	730,090
Reserve for encumbrances .....	40,418
Reserves for governmental programs .....	45,738
Fund Balance:	
Appropriated (Note 4) .....	379,784
Unappropriated .....	<u>674,826</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Reserves, and Fund Balance .....</b>	<b><u>\$1,870,856</u></b>

### ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

	<u>Unappropriated</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>
Fund balance, July 1, 1976 .....	\$965,404	\$412,352
Add capital programs appropriations .....		87,400
Deduct:		
Projects expenditures .....		119,968

Excess of expenditure and encumbrances over revenues .....	290,578	
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Fund balance, June 30, 1977 .....	<u>\$674,826</u>	<u>\$379,784</u>
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# STATEMENT OF REVENUE - ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL

	Estimated	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Estimated
Taxes:			
Property tax .....	\$ 9,985,671	\$10,003,887	\$ 18,216
Resident tax .....	114,210	121,830	7,620
Sub Total .....	<u>10,099,881</u>	<u>10,125,717</u>	<u>25,836</u>
Licenses, permits and fees:			
Licenses .....	6,000	9,754	3,754
Auto registration permits .....	300,000	410,197	110,197
Fees .....	12,000	13,163	1,163
Dog tax revenue .....	4,000	3,627	(373)
Building inspection .....	5,000	12,124	7,124
Sub Totals .....	<u>327,000</u>	<u>448,865</u>	<u>121,865</u>
Intergovernmental revenue:			
Revenue sharing .....	160,000	160,000	
Antirecession fiscal assistance .....		5,026	5,026
Highway subsidy .....	96,992	96,866	(126)
Interest and dividends tax .....	116,038	116,038	
Business profits tax .....	668,346	668,346	
Savings bank tax .....	41,777	41,777	
Room and meals tax .....	152,574	152,574	
Sewer bonded debt - state subsidy .....	96,743	128,304	31,561
Federal grant for school maintenance .....	1,500,000	1,287,123	(212,877)
School bonded debt - state subsidy .....	342,251	342,251	
Sweepstakes .....	180,607	180,607	
Tuition .....	615,000	623,728	8,728
Food Stamp .....	12,000	12,000	
Highway revenue - gasoline tax .....	12,000	12,727	727

Miscellaneous subsidies:

Federal .....	443,800	420,216	(23,584)
State .....	122,200	144,287	22,087
Local .....	93,400	86,840	(6,560)
Sub Totals .....	4,653,728	4,478,710	(175,018)

Fines and Forfeitures ..... \$ 47,000 \$ 80,857 \$ 33,857

Other revenues:

Interest on taxes .....	30,000	82,090	52,090
Ambulance rental .....	10,000	14,969	4,969
Londfill .....	24,000	42,655	18,655
Income on invested funds .....	150,000	214,698	64,698
Payment in lieu of taxes .....	14,113	14,113	-
Welfare revenue .....	2,000	947	(1,053)
Recreation .....	7,000	10,887	3,887
Comfort station .....	400	392	(8)
Miscellaneous .....	40,000	98,619	58,619
Sub Totals .....	277,513	479,370	201,857

Total revenue ..... 15,405,122 \$15,613,519 \$ 208,397

Appropriation of  
General Fund balance  
for expenditures .....

474,075  
\$15,879,197





**STATEMENT OF GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES  
AND ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED WITH AUTHORIZATIONS**

	Budgeted	Council	Revised			Unencumbered
General government	Appropriations	Amendments	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance
Legislative	\$ 6 070	\$ 737	6,807			
Executive	44 014		44,014	43,505		\$ 509
Comptroller	76 224		76 224	75,741		483
Treasury	22 959		22 959	22,643		316
Tax collector	33 748	284	34 032	34,024	\$ 8	
Assessor	44 932		44,932	41,152	32	3,748
Legal	37 931		37,931	37,931		
District court	28 336	1,043	29,379	29,079	300	
Probation	29 234		29,234	28,923		311
City clerk	38,582		38,582	36,405		2,177
Planning	44 677	1,215	45,892	45,880	12	
Public buildings	21,083		21,083	20,089		944
Comfort station	21 432		21,432	21,432		
Economic commission	34 538		34 538	33,549	200	789
Purchasing	25 818		25,818	25,588		230
Animal control	12,781		12,781	12,535		246
Personnel	2,761		2,761	1,808	30	923
Elections	14 370		14,370	12,528		1,842
Municipal buildings	16 473		16,473	14,636		1,837
County tax	382 888		382,888	382,888		
Food Stamp program	12 726		12,726	11,666		1,060
Tax anticipation note interest	100,695	(20 792)	79 903	79,903		
Debt service fund transfer	2 092 666		2,092,666	2,098,320		(5,654)
Unclassified	451,025		451,025	433,599	2,056	15,370
Contingency	37,600	(18,899)	18,701	56,301		(37,600)
Overlay	25,350		25,350	154,315		(128,965)
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>3,658,913</b>	<b>(36,412)</b>	<b>3,622,501</b>	<b>3,761,247</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>(141,384)</b>
<b>Public safety</b>						
Police department	1,019 975		1 019 975	994 116	739	25,120
Fire department	682,389		682 389	675,711	300	6,378
Fire - sub station	172 569		172,569	172,569		
Fire alarm	3,237		3,237	2 715	320	202
Civil defense	200		200	118		82
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,878,370</b>		<b>1,878,370</b>	<b>1,845,229</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>31,782</b>

Highways and streets  
Public works:

Administration	\$ 140,586		\$ 140,586	\$ 137,617		\$ 2,969
Engineering	38,525		38,525	38,525		
Street cleaning	55,781		55,781	55,781		
Street maintenance	180,676		180,676	180,676		
Snow removal	146,064		146,064	151,089		(5,025)
Sidewalks	10,798		10,798	10,798		
Inspection	55,874		55,874	55,874		
Bridge maintenance	3,145		3,145	3,145		
State aid	10,734		10,734	10,734		
Mosquito control	4,936		4,936	4,936		
Equipment maintenance	113,761		113,761	11,384	\$ 350	2,027
Cemeteries and parks	19,842		19,842	19,755	87	
Yard maintenance	74,458		74,458	71,281	64	3,113
Sewer maintenance	89,954		89,954	89,879	75	
Waste water treatment	175,270		175,270	175,250	20	
Tree programs	15,387		15,387			
Safety equipment	2,289		2,285	2,285	4	
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>1,138,080</b>		<b>1,138,080</b>	<b>1,134,396</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>3,084</b>

Sanitation:  
Public works:

Rubbish collection	70,915		70,915	70,915		
Rubbish disposal	154,825	\$ 41,129	195,954	195,954		
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>225,740</b>	<b>41,129</b>	<b>266,869</b>	<b>266,869</b>		
Capital programs	87,400		87,400	87,400		
Health	10,540		10,540	10,098		442
Welfare	231,644	21,421	253,065	252,921	144	

Culture and recreation:

Public library	191,960	(21,673)	171,287	167,490	2,797	
Community center	50,759		50,759	48,479		2,280
J.F.K. center	37,801		37,801	37,801		
Maintenance	23,274	(4,465)	18,809	17,695		1,114
Swimming facilities	28,475		28,475	29,873		(1,398)
Summer playgrounds	21,629		21,629	19,547	643	1,439
Special programs	12,700		12,700	5,743		6,957
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>366,598</b>	<b>(26,138)</b>	<b>340,460</b>	<b>326,628</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>10,392</b>
Education	8,281,912	-	8,281,912	8,178,891	32,237	70,784
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,879,197</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$15,879,197</b>	<b>\$15,863,679</b>	<b>\$40,418</b>	<b>\$(24,900)</b>

COMBINED SCHEDULE OF BONDS PAYABLE

BOND PRINCIPAL

	Original Issue	Int. Rate %	Maturity Date	Balance July 1, 1976	Payments
<u>General Obligation Serial Bonds</u>					
<u>General Fund:</u>					
<u>School Bonds Outstanding:</u>					
Senior High School Issue-1955	\$ 2,750,000	2.1	1980	\$ 440,000	\$ 110,000
Supplemental School Issue-1956	203,000	3.0	1976	13,000	13,000
Elementary School Issue-1959	473,000	3.4	1979	80,000	20,000
School Construction Issue-1967	3,400,000	4.1	1987	2,040,000	170,000
Supplemental School Issue-1971	100,000	4.4	1976	20,000	20,000
School Construction Issue-1973	550,000	4.7	1983	385,000	55,000
School Construction Issue-1975	3,670,000	5.25	1985	3,300,000	370,000
Supplemental School Issue-1976	290,000	3.9	1991	-	-
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>11,436,000</b>			<b>6,278,000</b>	<b>758,000</b>
<u>Sewer Bonds Outstanding:</u>					
Issued 1960	1,000,000	3.2	1980	200,000	50,000
Issued 1964	900,000	3.0	1984	315,000	45,000
Issued 1966	500,000	4.1	1976	50,000	50,000
Issued 1969	1,000,000	5.1	1989	650,000	50,000
Issued 1970	800,000	5.7	1980	320,000	80,000
Issued 1972	1,250,000	4.7	1992	1,055,000	65,000
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>5,450,000</b>			<b>2,590,000</b>	<b>340,000</b>
<u>Municipal Bonds Outstanding:</u>					
Voting Machine Issue-1958	40,000	3.1	1978	4,000	2,000
Urban Renewal Issue-1961	200,000	3.25	1981	60,000	10,000
Public Improvement Issue-1966	353,500	4.1	1976	35,000	35,000
Capital Improvement Issue - 1969	650,000	6.25	1979	260,000	65,000
Urban Renewal Issue-1970	250,000	5.6	1980	125,000	25,000
Urban Renewal Issue-1973	930,000	4.7	1983	645,000	95,000
Judgment Issue-1973	2,000,000	4.3	1981	1,500,000	250,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,423,500</b>			<b>2,629,000</b>	<b>482,000</b>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>21,309,500</b>			<b>11,497,000</b>	<b>1,580,000</b>
<u>Enterprise - Water Fund:</u>					
Issued 1971	300,000	4.4	1986	220,000	20,000
Issued 1976	350,000	3.9	1983	-	-
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>650,000</b>			<b>220,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,959,500</b>			<b>\$11,717,000</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>

Principal Balance June 30, 1977	Principle Payments		BOND INTEREST		
	Due 1978	Due Subsequent Years	Paid 1977	Due 1978	Due Subsequent Years
\$ 330,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 9,240	6,930	\$ 6,930
-	-	-	195	-	-
60,000	20,000	40,000	2,380	1,700	1,360
1,870,000	170,000	1,700,000	80,155	73,185	348,500
-	-	-	440	-	-
330,000	55,000	275,000	18,095	15,510	38,775
2,930,000	370,000	2,560,000	173,250	153,825	536,813
290,000	60,000	230,000	5,655	10,140	17,550
<u>5,810,000</u>	<u>785,000</u>	<u>5,025,000</u>	<u>289,410</u>	<u>261,290</u>	<u>949,928</u>
150,000	50,000	100,000	6,400	4,800	4,800
270,000	45,000	225,000	9,450	8,100	20,250
-	-	-	1,024	-	-
600,000	50,000	550,000	33,150	30,600	168,300
240,000	80,000	160,000	18,240	13,680	13,680
990,000	65,000	925,000	48,058	45,003	320,187
<u>2,250,000</u>	<u>290,000</u>	<u>1,960,000</u>	<u>116,322</u>	<u>102,183</u>	<u>527,217</u>
2,000	2,000	-	124	62	-
50,000	10,000	40,000	1,787	1,463	2,600
-	-	-	718	-	-
195,000	65,000	130,000	14,219	10,156	8,125
100,000	25,000	75,000	6,300	4,900	6,300
550,000	95,000	455,000	30,315	25,850	63,685
1,250,000	250,000	1,000,000	59,125	48,375	86,000
<u>2,147,000</u>	<u>447,000</u>	<u>1,700,000</u>	<u>112,588</u>	<u>90,806</u>	<u>166,710</u>
<u>10,207,000</u>	<u>1,522,000</u>	<u>8,685,000</u>	<u>518,320</u>	<u>454,279</u>	<u>1,643,855</u>
200,000	20,000	180,000	9,240	8,360	35,640
350,000	50,000	300,000	6,825	12,675	35,100
<u>550,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>16,065</u>	<u>21,035</u>	<u>70,740</u>
<u>\$10,757,000</u>	<u>\$1,592,000</u>	<u>\$9,165,000</u>	<u>\$534,385</u>	<u>\$475,314</u>	<u>\$1,714,595</u>

# DIRECTORY

FUNCTION	OFFICIAL/LOCATION	TELEPHONE
Administration	Calvin A. Canney, City Manager	436-4125
Ambulance	Central Fire Station	436-1127
Animal Control	Robert Reynolds, 1801 Lafayette Road	436-9067
Assessor	Michael Pagano, City Hall	436-1117
Associate Judge	Alvin Taylor, 426 Middle Street	436-6500
City Attorney	Charles M. Eldredge, City Hall	431-7431
City Auditor	A. David Arrington, City Hall	436-8222
Auto Licenses	Tax Collector, City Hall	436-1124
Building Permits	Carl Sampson, Inspectors, City Yard	436-5867
City Council	John Wholey, Mayor	436-2422
Civil Defense	Herald Good, 1 Church Street	
Chamber of Commerce	David Cordeau, Dir., 278 State Street	436-1118
Clerk of Court	District Court, Penhallow Street	436-8551
Community Development Program	John W. Whalen, Jr., City Hall	431-5421
Detective Division	Police Station, 28 Penhallow Street	436-2511
Economic Commission	Robert Benson, Dir., City Hall	436-9411
Electrical Inspector	Ray P. Hutchison, City Yard	436-5867
Finance Director	Kenneth C. Dahl, City Hall	436-8222
Fire Department	Paul Long, Fire Chief, Fire Station	436-1127
City Engineer	K. Michael Scorks, City Yard	436-0176
Garbage Collection	Public Works, City Yard	436-0176
Harbor Master	Anthony Casa, New Castly	436-4996
Public Health	Elijah L. Levine, M.D.	436-3224
Hospital	Junkins Avenue	436-5110
Housing Code Inspector	John Gratton, Inspector, City Yard	436-5867
Housing: Public	Housing Authority, Middle Street	436-4310
Library	Sherman Pridham, Librarian, Islington St.	436-5724
Licenses, Permits, Records, Elections	Evelyn Hanscom, City Clerk, City Hall	436-0013
Municipal Judge	Thomas Flynn, 95 Court Street	436-5630
Ordinances & Resolutions	City Clerk, City Hall	436-0013
Public Health Nursing	District Nursing Association	436-0815
Personnel	William Scott, Director	436-1925
Planning Department	Christopher F. Sheridan, Dir., City Hall	431-5421
Plumbing Permits	George Browning, Inspector	436-5867
Police Department	Stanton G. Remick, City Marshall	436-2145
Probation Department	Police Station, 28 Penhallow Street	436-8551
Public Works Director	Daniel Aver, City Yard	436-0176
Purchasing Department	Clare Brulotte, City Hall	436-8661
Recreation Department	Joseph Fate, Dir., Community Center, JFK	436-4256
Red Cross	Red Cross Chapter	436-2600
Sewer Superintendent	Rance Collins, City Yard	436-0140
Schools	Timothy Monahan, Supt., Clough Drive	436-2434
School Nurse	Little Harbor School, Clough Drive	436-2601
Snow Plowing	Public Works, City Yard	436-0176
Tax Collection & Auto Permits	Margaret Sullivan, Tax Collector	436-1124
Water Superintendent	Rance Collins, Supt., City Yard	436-0140
Water Department	Water Office, City Hall	436-2436
Welfare Department	William Scott, Dir., U.S.O. Building	436-1925
Youth Services	Police Station, 28 Penhallow Street	436-1231
Zoning Enforcement	Ray P. Hutchison, City Yard	436-5867



